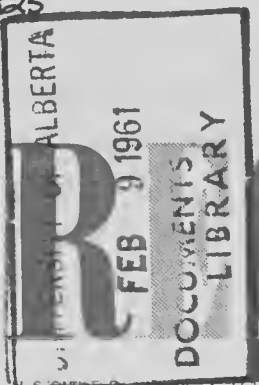


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Recreation Workshop For Alberta Members Banff, March 17 to 19

The Provincial Recreation Board and the Community Recreation Bureau are sponsoring a workshop for members of local recreation boards at the Banff School of Fine Arts, March 17-19, 1961. Registration is at 6:30 p.m. March 17. Sessions close 1:00 p.m. March 19.

The agenda will be arranged to give new boards an opportunity to ask questions and obtain information on board duties, finance, facilities, provincial assistance.

Representatives from established boards will be asked to form workshop committees to share information and advise on current problems.

Each Alberta community may sponsor two delegates to the provincial workshop. Information and application forms are being mailed to Recreation Boards and to town, village and municipal secretary-treasurers.

Where there is no established board, interested organizations should contact their town council to insure representation.

Drama Division Courses Provide Many Communities With Excellent Instruction

The Drama Division will be conducting the greatest number of drama workshops ever held in one month in the province of Alberta this January when the Drama Supervisor, Jack McCreath and his staff, held forth in Lethbridge the weekend of January 13, Red Deer, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 17

Provincial Recreation Board Aids Alberta's Community Bureaus



Shown here is the Provincial Recreation Board at a recent meeting in Edmonton. The Board serves as an advisory body to the Community Recreation Bureau. Mrs. McBryant, a member of the Provincial Arts and Craft Board sat in on some of the deliberations. From left to right are: Jack Wright, Edmonton; Wayne Matkin, Lethbridge; Warren Smith, Westlock; Tom McPherson, Red Deer; Bev. Johnston, (Chairman), Edmonton; Mrs. E. Bryant, (visitor), Grande Prairie; Syd Moore (staff), Lethbridge; Jack Riddel (staff), Edmonton; Elsie McFarland, (staff), Edmonton. Missing: Mrs. E. Pedersen, Standard and Mrs. H. Appleton, Medicine Hat.

and 18, Medicine Hat, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, January 20, 21 and 22, and Grande Prairie, January 25 and 26.

In February, workshops will be held in Mannville on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 3, 4 and 5, and St. Paul the weekend of February 27.

Courses will be given in drama club

organization, direction, acting, stagecraft, and make-up. In addition to Mr. McCreath the teaching staff will include Gordon Peacock and Frank Bueckert of the University of Alberta, with Gerald Baril lecturing on make-up.

Large attendances are expected at all of these workshops.

GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

I. DRAMA

1. The scholarships are open to all Albertans working in the field of drama who have an adequate background, some indication of promise and are able to present a comprehensive idea of their future plans.
2. Three references must accompany all applications.
3. Only applicants considering entering a recognized drama school or university will be considered.
4. All applicants must be eighteen (18) years of age or over.
5. Acceptance of scholarship implies an understanding of the candidate to return to Alberta should a suitable opportunity present itself.

Deadline for Completed Applications:
March 15th, 1961

II. ARTS AND CRAFTS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Government of Alberta is offering Scholarships of:

\$1,250.00 in Visual Arts
\$1,600.00 in Crafts

Visual Arts

- 1 Scholarships of \$250.00 is awarded to a student intending to enrol, or already enrolled in, the Faculty of Education, majoring in art, or other institutions of art education.
- 2 Scholarships at \$250.00 each are awarded to promising students at the Institute of Technology and Art, Calgary.
- 2 Scholarships at \$250.00 each awarded to promising students at the University of Alberta.
- 4 Scholarships of \$250.00 are awarded to promising students intending to enrol or already enrolled, in an accredited art school.

Crafts

Scholarships from \$100.00 to \$300.00 are awarded to communities who have proven merit in the craft field.

Visual Arts	Crafts
Oil Painting	Weaving
Water Color	Ceramics
Drawings	Leather
Sculpture	Metal
Graphics	and others

Eligibility

1. Applicants must be resident of Alberta and must be 18 years or over.

2. Scholarships will be awarded in the form of bursaries for tuition in any accredited school of winner's choice.
3. A successful candidate must use the scholarship within two years after award is made, otherwise it may be withdrawn.
4. Candidates in both fields must submit three (3) pieces of their own work which must have been executed less than one year before application is submitted.
5. All winning pieces will be displayed during the "Albertacraft" 1961.

Deadline Date for Completed Applications: May 15th, 1961

III. LIBRARIANSHIP

Three scholarships up to \$500.00 each. Applicants must . . .

1. Have graduated from a University of recognized standing, having attained at least a Bachelor's degree. NOTE: Students in their final year and who expect to graduate in May, 1961, are eligible to apply.
2. Have a genuine interest in books and people.
3. Preferably have had previous experience working in a library; this is required by the library schools.
4. Be residents of Alberta.
5. Signify a willingness to enter the library profession in Alberta if a suitable position is available.

Deadline for Completed Applications
May 21, 1961.

IV. MUSIC

1. The scholarships are open to all Albertans working in the field of music who have an adequate background, some indication of promise and are able to present a comprehensive idea of their future plans.
2. Applicants must intend studying at a recognized school of music, university, or with a recognized private music teacher.
3. All applicants must be 18 years of age or over.
4. Acceptance of a scholarship implies an understanding that the candidate will return to Alberta should a suitable opportunity present itself.

Deadline for Completed Applications
March 31, 1961.

V. RECREATION

The Government of Alberta is offering Scholarships up to \$500.00 each, to candidates wishing to further their education in Recreation.

The Scholarships are open to:

1. University Graduates who wish to take post-graduate training in a degree course that will increase their competency as professional recreation workers.
2. Students entering their graduating year in Physical Education or Arts and Science (Fine Arts, Psychology, or Sociology) at the University of Alberta, who intend to provide leadership in Recreation in Alberta on either a full- or part-time basis.
3. Persons presently employed or engaged in Recreation in Alberta who register in a University degree course that will increase their competency as professional recreation workers.
4. Graduates of the Recreation Leadership School who register in Physical Education or Arts and Science (majoring in Fine Arts, Psychology or Sociology) at the University of Alberta with the intention of returning to Recreation on either a part- or full-time basis.
5. Persons presently employed or engaged in Recreation who enroll in special courses to assist them in their particular field.

To be Eligible Candidates must:

1. Have shown an active interest in Recreation through provision of leadership in that field.
2. Indicate their intention to enter or return to the Recreation profession in Alberta on either a full- or part-time basis.
3. Show above average scholastic ability.
4. Submit references regarding desirable personal habits and character traits.

Deadline for Completed Applications:
March 31, 1961.

CANADIAN PARKS AND RECREATION CONVENTION — August 27-31, 1961, Macdonald Hotel, Edmonton.

R.L.S. Survey Evaluation forms for the 1960 Recreation Leadership school have been mailed to all candidates. Please help us by completing your form and returning it to us not later than January 31.

Watch February Recreation News for information on the 1961 Recreation Leadership School — Dates July 10-August 5, 1961. Place?????

WANTED - RECREATION LEADERSHIP SCHOOL STAFF

JULY 9th to AUGUST 5th, 1961

The Department of the Provincial Secretary requires male and female staff members for the 1961 Recreation Leadership School to be held July 10-August 5, 1961. Persons applying should be experienced in teaching at least three of the following subjects:

FIRST YEAR

- Recreation Leadership (Lecture Course)
- Anatomy and First Aid
- Group Games
- Rhythmics
- Square and Round Dancing
- Community Singing
- *Gymnastics
- *Creative Drama
- *Team Sports, (Basketball, Volleyball, and minor games)
- *Quick Crafts
- *Keep Fit
- *Sports Administration

* Courses in which options are offered.

SECOND YEAR

- Social Recreation
- Recreation Workshop
- Community Singing
- Individual Sports (Archery, Badminton, Track and Field Athletics)
- Social Dance
- *Gymnastics
- *Drama
- *Swimming (Instructors' Course)
- *Introduction to Major Crafts
- *Rhythmics
- *Analysis of Exercise
- *Keep Fit

*Sports Officiating

Staff members must be willing to live in residence and to act as counsellors to students.

Interested persons are asked to apply prior to March 1, 1961 stating their qualifications, experience and listing their subject preference.

APPLY TO: Miss Elsie M. McFarland, Supervisor, Community Recreation Bureau, 424 Legislative Building, Edmonton, Alberta.

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Custodians of public libraries are reminded that all applications for Provincial Government grants must be received on or before January 31st, 1961. After that date no further applications can be considered.

Has your secretary sent in your application yet? If not, make a point of sending it in today to: Supervisor of Public Libraries, Cultural Activities Branch, Department of the Provincial Secretary, Room 424, Legislative Building, Edmonton, Alberta.

Plans Progressing Well for High School Festivals Slated For This Spring

Organizational work is progressing for the forthcoming High School Drama Festivals to be held in the Peace River Zone and the Edmonton South Zone under the supervision of Drama Supervisor Jack McCreath this spring.

These will be the first High School Drama Festivals to be held in Alberta and already interest is keen.

It is expected that High School Drama Festivals will be province-wide next year.

Watch for further reports on these festivals.

Canadian Library Week Set For April 16 to 22 By National Council

Canadian Library Week has been announced for April 16 to 22, 1961. W. Kaye Lamb, Chairman of the Canadian Library Week Council, announced the date in a letter to library officials throughout the country and added some statistics of interest to librarians regarding the reading public. Following is a portion of the text of his letter:

Our continent is in the midst of a book boom. In the United States 154,200,000 books were sold in 1931; no less than 959,600,000 were sold in 1958. Figures for Canada are not available, but it is certain that in one respect they would be comparable with those in the United States; they would show that book sales have increased in the last 20 or 30 years out of all proportion to the growth of population. Many more books are being written, published and sold than ever before.

Secondly, we are in the midst of a reading boom. The annual reports of most of the larger libraries in Canada have recorded a rapid increase both in circulation and in book stocks. In 1958 our public libraries alone had almost 12,500,000 volume on their shelves—an increase of 50 per cent, in only five years. Their total circulation jumped to over 45,000,000. Once again, these increases were out of all proportion to the growth of population in the areas served.

In great part this library boom reflects better library facilities. More books, new buildings, more branch libraries, larger staffs—all these have been important factors. But the really significant thing is that experience shows that when better library facilities are provided, the public will make use of them—will, indeed, soon tax them to capacity.

In spite of striking advances in many places in recent years, library facilities in Canada—public, university and special—are still far short of what they should be. Canadian Library Week is intended to help libraries to secure better facilities by giving every library in the country an occasion—if it wishes to have one—to bring its own individual service, needs and potentialities to the attention of the community it serves.

New XBX Physical Fitness Program Forecasts Shape of Things to Come



The new XBX plan developed by the Royal Canadian Air Force as a physical fitness program for women is now available. The booklet containing home exercises and fitness charts is available from the Queen's Printer, Ottawa. This plan is comparable to the highly successful 5 BX plan also developed by the R.C.A.F. for use by men. Shown in the picture are members of the Cultural Activities Branch staff making preparations to commence the training program. Left to right are: Franda Lauckner, Corrine Greenan, Mrs. T. Walkeden and Lila McCallum.

FLIP OF THE FEZ TO...

- Thanks from the Branch for the hundreds of Christmas and New Year's cards. It was very nice to hear from you.
- Marguerite Dodds-Belenger (RLS/51) teaching at Reed College, Portland, Oregon.
- Nita Van Deelan (RLS/59) attending Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- Mary Potentier (RLS/60) Program Director, YWCA, Galt, Ontario. Enjoyed western hospitality at Rec. School in 1960.
- Plus an apology to Ernie Harris, Recreation Director in Olds. His name was incorrect in the December issue of Rec. News.



- Wally Tymchyna (RLS/55) teaching Rec. classes in Cranbrook, B.C.
- 'Barney' Hughes (RLS/53) has been chosen as official head starter for the Canadian Junior Ski Championships to be held in Jasper in February. Barney is teaching high school in Jasper and is an ardent skier.
- Pat Cain (in service course 1960) as result of the public speaking section at the seminar—joined the 'effective speaking' class at the YWCA and came out as the winner.

Modern Branch Library Recently Completed At Calgary Shopping Site

The recently opened Chinook Branch Library has become the seventh branch of the rapidly expanding Calgary Public Library and the first to be an integral part of a shopping centre.

Chinook Shopping Centre, in which the library is located, is on the Macleod Trail in the southern part of the city and is one of the largest such centres in Western Canada. Woodward's Department Store plus 45 other retail stores and service outlets constitute the centre which, incidentally, provides parking for 3,500 cars.

The Chinook Branch Library occupies a rented rectangular space of approximately 5,000 square feet in the lower concourse.

The Library's neighbors include a noise-proofed 32-lane bowling alley, a sidewalk cafe, and an art gallery.

Passers-by in the concourse see a pleasing picture as they look through the glass wall at the entrance. One wall is of chocolate brown brick; another is blue and the third is cream. Four pillars of burnt orange give a touch of brightness to the centre of the room and the burnt orange tint is repeated in the front of the charging desk.

A-shelves placed here and there on the floor add to the attractiveness. Ample pegboard space provides for displays of new books and helps to form a partition between the children's and adults' sections.

Fluorescent lighting fixtures are inset into the ceiling. Here and there in the room decorative lights like orange and blue pumpkins hang from the ceiling and give an air of casual gaiety.

The Chinook Branch features a secluded smoking and browsing room, where easy chairs decorated with a western motif invite tired shoppers to take a breather and relax with a book. The brisk circulation of books during the first few months augurs well for the future of the Chinook Branch Library and seems to show that branch libraries in shopping centres are well worth their while.